

day. In October 1883, Milnor's post office was established, and it became a city in 1914.

Today, Milnor remains a small, proud community. Each year, the community gathers in June for its annual Jamboree. The residents celebrate with a BBQ, golf tournament, street dance, parade and many other fun activities. During the summer, many Milnor residents can be found at the local pool, catching up with friends and family, or at the Lakeview golf course playing a few holes. Two National Wildlife Refuges are located near Milnor, the Tewaikon and Storm Lake Refuges. Many residents enjoy camping, fishing, and spotting wildlife at these beautiful sites. Milnor also has many other outdoor recreational areas located nearby, like Buffalo Lake—Kandiotta Lake—and Dead Colt Creek.

To celebrate the 125th anniversary, the residents of Milnor will gather for many fun and exciting activities, including a parade, a street dance, and a time capsule unveiling.

Mr. President, I ask the U.S. Senate to join me in congratulating Milnor, ND, and its residents on their first 125 years and wishing them well in the future. By honoring Milnor and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the great pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Milnor that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

Milnor has a proud past and a bright future.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF MINTO, NORTH DAKOTA

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I am pleased today to recognize a community in North Dakota that will be celebrating its 125th anniversary. On July 25 to 27, the residents of Minto will gather to celebrate their community's history and founding.

Minto is a community of over 600 residents located in the fertile Red River Valley in northeast North Dakota. The Homestead Act brought the first settlers to the Minto area, including a Canadian by the name of Angus Gillespie, Sr., who left his home in Minto Township, Ontario, to farm in North Dakota. Minto was incorporated in 1883. Twenty years later, Minto was recognized as a city. Minto's links with its Canadian forefathers have been renewed as the town of Minto, ND, became the sister city of Minto, Ontario, in 2007.

The community of Minto is host to many businesses and amenities. There are numerous enterprises dedicated to farming, including elevators, implement dealerships, and trucking services. It also offers its citizens many leisure activities. Residents of the town and the surrounding area are able to enjoy a meal at the town's café and have their hair done at one of the sa-

lons. Families often gather in Minto's beautiful park, which has a baseball field, tennis court, playground, and picnic area. In the winter, the children of Minto can be found skating or playing hockey at the town's outdoor ice rink.

Current and former residents of Minto will gather to celebrate the 125th anniversary. Events will begin with the telling of area Polish family histories at Minto's new community center. The Walsh County Historical Museum will also be open to the public. Minto's park will host a classic car show, magic show, and community baseball game. Each day of celebration will close with a dance.

Mr. President, I ask the U.S. Senate to join me in congratulating Minto, ND, and its residents on their first 125 years and in wishing them well in the future. By honoring Minto and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places like Minto that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this community is deserving of our recognition.

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NEA'S HONORING OF PAUL MANN

● Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, in early July, when nearly 9,000 educators are in Washington for the National Education Association's annual Representative Assembly, they will posthumously honor one of Iowa's most dedicated and respected teachers, Paul Mann. Lola Mann, Paul's wife of 38 years, will accept the Applegate-Dorros Award on behalf of her late husband at NEA's annual Human and Civil Rights Awards Dinner on July 2.

The Applegate-Dorros Award is given each year to an individual who has made lasting contributions to the cause of international understanding, and who has encouraged young people to study the world and work for world peace. Over a long and distinguished career spanning nearly four decades as a teacher with the Des Moines public school system, Paul both lived and taught those ideals. He shaped the thinking of generations of students, and he was active on the national stage as a long-time leader of NEA's Midwest Peace and Justice Caucus.

I do not believe that democracy is a spectator sport, and neither did Paul. As his wife Lola said, "he felt strongly that he was placed on this earth for a purpose . . . that he was here to help make the world a better place." He challenged his colleagues and students alike to get involved in campaigns and in the broader political process. His own passion for politics and engagement was infectious.

Paul stood up for social justice and the peaceful resolution of conflict. Just as Gandhi counseled that "You must be the change you wish to see in the world," Paul lived a life that embodied the progressive ideals that he advocated.

Paul Mann was born in Onawa, IA on March 12, 1947, graduated from Central Missouri State University in 1969, and earned a master's in public administration from Drake University in 1981. He began teaching in Des Moines in 1969 and was an energetic, beloved teacher right up until his sudden passing in September of 2006. At the time of his death, he was a teacher of world civilization and government at Central Academy, the magnet school for Des Moines' gifted and talented middle- and high-school students.

As a teacher, Paul was a consummate professional who had a deep personal commitment to ensuring that every child receives a high-quality public education. This commitment led to his activism and leadership within the Des Moines Education Association, including 8 years as president. He served in a various leadership positions at the local, State and national levels within the National Education Association. He was also active in local and State politics.

I have always appreciated what Lee Iacocca said about teachers. "In a completely rational society," he said, "the best of us would be teachers, and the rest of us would have to settle for something else." Fortunately, in Iowa, so many of our best and brightest do go into teaching. And Paul Mann was one of the very finest.

To honor his activism in the cause of world peace and understanding, the Paul Mann Memorial School has been established in Chiapas, Mexico. In addition, he has another living legacy: countless former students who are living the noble ideals that he taught in his classroom and embodied in his life.

Paul Mann lived a life of constant activism and thoughtful action both in and out of the classroom. His life is one worthy of recognition and I commend his family and all of his former colleagues for doing their part in honoring him with the Applegate-Dorros Award.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I recognize the community of Ipswich, SD, on reaching the 125th anniversary of its founding. As the county seat of Edmunds County, the rural community of Ipswich is infused with hospitality, beauty, and an exceptional quality of life.

The town of Ipswich was founded in 1883, with the railroad industry jumpstarting the area as a business and transportation center. Ipswich was noted for its many buildings made of native prairie stone, and was eventually given the nicknames: "the Home of the Yellowstone Trail," "the Arch City," and "the Zinnia City."

Today, Ipswich has come a long way from its days as a railroad supply center. The town now boasts a variety of businesses, including those in the service, manufacturing, and agricultural

sectors. For the outdoor enthusiasts, Ipswich offers an abundance of local hunting and fishing.

The people of Ipswich celebrated their Trail Days on the weekend of June 13–15, 2008, with an all-school reunion, a parade, a pie-baking contest, a demolition derby and a street dance. South Dakota's small communities are the bedrock of our economy and vital to the future of our state. It is especially because of our small communities, and the feelings of loyalty and familiarity that they engender, that I am proud to call South Dakota home. Towns like Ipswich and its citizens are no different and truly know what it means to be South Dakotan. One hundred and twenty five years after its founding, Ipswich remains a vital community and a great asset to the wonderful state of South Dakota. I am proud to honor Ipswich on this historic milestone.●

HONORING ARROWS RESTAURANT

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, today I honor Arrows Restaurant of Ogunquit, ME, on the occasion of its 20th anniversary and to recognize the tremendous talent and innovative environmental stewardship of its owners, award-winning chefs Mark Gaier and Clark Frasier.

Quite simply, Arrows is one of America's great restaurants. It has received recognition from national publications such as *Gourmet* magazine, which ranked it 14th on its list of "America's Top 50 Restaurants in 2006," and *Bon Appétit*, which named Arrows "one of the country's 10 most romantic restaurants."

Arrows has also received some of the highest and most consistent ratings in the annual Zagat survey. In addition, Mr. Gaier and Mr. Frasier were nominated as Best Chefs in the Northeast by the James Beard Foundation, a national organization whose annual awards have been deemed the "Oscars of the food world" by *Time* magazine.

Arrows has further distinguished itself by its extraordinary garden, which offers more than 300 varieties of herbs, flowers, fruits, and vegetables. It provides Mr. Gaier and Mr. Frasier with the source of most of the ingredients for their menu and serves as a wonderful illustration of how sensitive environmental stewardship and entrepreneurial spirit can go hand-in-hand. It should come as no surprise that Arrows has been featured on television programs such as PBS's "Victory Garden," and NBC's "Today Show."

Like the restaurant, the garden has received tremendous acclaim in the press. *Bon Appétit* noted that "[Arrows] helped pioneer the idea of growing your own food and paying attention to what's seasonal in a place that is unforgiving in its climate." Earlier this year, the *Daily Green*—a Web site that reports on the environmental concerns of everyday Americans—praised Mr. Gaier and Mr. Frasier as "...

stalwart forerunners of the sustainable movement."

As ranking member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, I am eminently proud of all of Maine's small firms, and am particularly impressed by Mr. Gaier's and Mr. Frasier's dedication to making Arrows the premier dining establishment that it has become. These two restaurateurs have helped transform American cuisine, and have brought the world to Maine—as well as Maine to the world. They are truly deserving of our admiration and praise, and I wish them well in all that they do.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13219 OF JUNE 26, 2001, WITH RESPECT TO THE WESTERN BALKANS—PM 54

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication stating that the Western Balkans emergency is to continue in effect beyond June 26, 2008.

The crisis constituted by the actions of persons engaged in, or assisting, sponsoring, or supporting (i) extremist violence in the Republic of Macedonia and elsewhere in the Western Balkans region, or (ii) acts obstructing implementation of the Dayton Accords in Bosnia or United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of June 10, 1999,

in Kosovo, that led to the declaration of a national emergency on June 26, 2001, in Executive Order 13219 and to Executive Order 13304 of May 28, 2003, has not been resolved. The acts of extremist violence and obstructionist activity outlined in Executive Order 13219, as amended, are hostile to U.S. interests and pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared with respect to the Western Balkans and maintain in force the comprehensive sanctions to respond to this threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 24, 2008.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:30 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3403) to promote and enhance public safety by facilitating the rapid deployment of IP-enabled 911 and E911 services, encourage the Nation's transition to a national IP-enabled emergency network, and improve 911 and E-911 access to those with disabilities.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3403. An act to promote and enhance public safety by facilitating the rapid deployment of IP-enabled 911 and E-911 services, encourage the Nation's transition to a national IP-enabled emergency network, and improve 911 and E-911 access to those with disabilities.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) announced that on today, June 24, 2008, he had signed the following enrolled bills, previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

H.R. 634. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

H.R. 814. An act to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to issue regulations mandating child-resistant closures on all portable gasoline containers.

H.R. 5778. An act to preserve the independence of the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority.

S. 188. An act to revise the short title of the Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006.

S. 254. An act to award posthumously a Congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi.

S. 682. An act to award a congressional gold medal to Edward William Brooke III in